

3745-560-330 Compost quality standards for class III composting facilities.

[Comment: For dates of non regulatory government publications, publications of recognized organizations and associations, test methods, federal rules, and federal statutory provisions referenced in this rule, see rule 3745-500-03 of the Administrative Code titled "Incorporation by reference."]

(A) The compost quality standards in this paragraph are applicable to all compost produced from yard waste, animal waste, and agricultural waste. The owner or operator shall have the samples collected pursuant to rule 3745-560-325 of the Administrative Code analyzed to demonstrate that concentration limits are not exceeded for the parameters listed in the following tables:

Table 1 - Heavy metals

Parameter	Concentration limit mg/kg dry weight	Preparation methods	Analytical methods	TMECC equivalent methods
Arsenic	41	SW-846 3050B or SW-846 3051A	SW-846 6010C or SW-846 6020A or SW-846 7010	TMECC 04.06-As
Boron	See Table 4			
Cadmium	35	SW-846 3050B or SW-846 3051A	SW-846 6010C or SW-846 6020A or SW-846 7000B or SW-846 7010	TMECC 04.06-Cd
Copper	1500	SW-846 3050B or SW-846 3051A	SW-846 6010C or SW-846 6020A or SW-846 7000B or SW-846 7010	TMECC 04.06-Cu
Lead	300	SW-846 3050B or SW-846 3051A	SW-846 6010C or SW-846 6020C or SW-846 7000B or SW-846 7010	TMECC 04.06-Pb
Mercury	7.8	SW-846 7471B	SW-846 7471B or SW-846 6010C or SW-846 6020A or SW-846 7000B or SW-846 7010	TMECC 04.06-Hg
Nickel	420	SW-846 3050B or SW-846 3051A	SW-846 6010C or SW-846 6020A or SW-846 7010	TMECC 04.06-Ni
Selenium	100	SW-846 3050B or SW-846 3051A	SW-846 6010C or SW-846 6020A	TMECC 04.06-Se
Zinc	2800	SW-846 3050B or SW-846 3051A	SW-846 6020A or SW-846 7000B or SW-846 7010	TMECC 04.06-Zn

Table 2 - Pathogens

Parameter	Microbial count	Preparation method	Analytical method	TMECC equivalent method
Fecal coliform	Limit of less than 1000 Most Probable Number per gram of total solids (dry weight) (1000 MPN/GTS)	Standard methods part 9221E or part 9222D	Standard methods 9260D and either 9222D or 9221E	TMECC 07.01-B
Salmonella spp.	Limit of less than 3 Most Probable Number per 4 grams of total solids (3MPN/4GTS)	Standard method part 9260D	Standard methods 9260D and either 9222D or 9221E	TMECC 07.02

Table 3 - Foreign/inert matter

Parameter	Concentration limit mg/kg dry weight	Preparation method	Analytical method
Foreign/inert matter	1.0% by weight on No. 5 sieve (four mm screen) and no more than a fourth of this foreign matter may be plastic	U.S. EPA 160.3 Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes	Detailed below

Method for determining percent foreign matter.

Foreign matter content shall be determined by passing a dried, weighed sample of not less than one hundred grams of compost through a U.S. standard No. 5 sieve (four millimeter). The material remaining on the screen shall be inspected and the foreign matter shall be separated and weighed. The weight of the foreign matter divided by the total weight of the compost sample and multiplied by one hundred shall be the per cent dry weight of the foreign matter content.

Table 4 - General parameters

Parameter	Analytical method
Boron	TMECC 04.05-B or Preparation: SW-846 3050B or SW-846 3051A and Analytical: SW-846 6010C or SW-846 6020A
Maturity	TMECC 05.08-A Specific Oxygen Uptake Rate or TMECC 05.08-B Carbon Dioxide Evolution Rate or TMECC 05.08-C In-situ Oxygen Refresh Rate or TMECC 05.08-D Dewar Self-Heating Test or TMECC 05.08-E Solvita® Maturity Index or TMECC 05.08-F

Table 4 - General parameters

	Biologically Available Carbon
pH	TMECC 04.11-A or North central regional (NCR) publication 221 or SW-846 9045D soil pH or ASTM D2976
Salinity	TMECC 04.10 A or NCR publication 221
Total nitrogen	AOAC 968.06 or TMECC 04.02-D or TMECC 04.02-A
Total organic carbon	SW-846 9060 A or TMECC 04.01-A
Total phosphorus	TMECC 04.03-A or Preparation: SW-846 3050B or SW-846 3051A and Analytical: SW-846 6010C or SW-846 6020A
Total potassium	TMECC 04.04-A or Preparation: SW-846 3050B or SW-846 3051A and Analytical: SW-846 6010C or SW-846 6020A or SW-846 7000B

[Comment: The parameters identified for testing in table 4 have no associated concentration limits. The analysis is necessary to ensure that compost quality is appropriate for the recipient's specific use of the compost product.

Acceptable levels of maturity will vary according to end-user application (note: check date of maturity test).

Acceptable pH level will vary according to end-user application and will generally be in the 5.5 - 8.5 range.

Acceptable levels of soluble salts will vary according to end-user applications. The optimal ranges for growing media (compost amended soil) is 0.5 to 4.5 millimho per centimeter.

Compost producers may provide pH and soluble salts information in product literature for the intended end-user application that reflect user industry standards.]

- (B) Supplementary compost quality standards. Additional information or testing of feedstocks, bulking agents, additives, compost, or compost product may be required to ensure the standards are appropriately protective of public health or safety or the environment.
- (1) Upon written notification by the director, the owner or operator shall provide information regarding the feedstocks, bulking agents, additives, compost, or compost product including but not limited to the following:
 - (a) A description of the agricultural, industrial, or commercial process used to produce the feedstock, bulking agents, additives, compost, or compost product.
 - (b) A description of the chemical and biological constituents.
 - (c) A description of any known or potential heavy metals and organic compounds that may threaten to cause an adverse effect to public health or safety or the environment.
 - (2) Upon written notification by the director, the owner or operator shall sample and test for additional parameters as deemed necessary to ensure the standards are appropriately protective of public health and safety and the environment.
 - (3) Upon review of such additional information, the director may establish additional conditions or quality

standards for the compost. The director shall provide written notification to the owner or operator of such conditions or standards.

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